

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A reprogramable security system for limiting access to a protected area comprising:
 - a movable barrier for allowing access to a restricted area;
 - a motor operatively attached to said barrier for opening and closing said barrier;
 - a control system for controlling operation of said motor;
 - ~~an~~ a replaceable activation device semi-permanently connectable to said control system wherein said device comprises data describing actions of said control system and responsive to input signals received by the control system, said actions performing functions of said control system; and wherein the control system automatically reads and utilizes the data from the activation device to activate the functions of the control system.
2. (Original) The security system of claim 1 further comprising a sensing system for sensing factors used by said control system for determining when to open and close said gate by activation of said motor.
3. (Original) The security system of claim 1 wherein activation of said functions further comprises varying the operational parameters of said functions.
4. (Original) The security system of claim 2 wherein activation of said functions further comprises varying the operational parameters of said functions.
5. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 1 wherein said control system includes a socket for ease of inserting and removing said activation device from said system.
6. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 2 wherein said control system includes a socket for ease of inserting and removing said activation device from said system.

7. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 1 wherein said activation device has a read/write capability so that an activation code on said device can be changed to allow selective activation of various features of said system.

8. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 2 wherein said activation device has a read/write capability so that an activation code on said device can be changed to allow selective activation of various features of said system.

9. (Original) The security system of claim 1 wherein said activation of functions includes activation of latent capabilities of said system.

10. (Original) The security system of claim 2 wherein said activation of functions includes activation of latent capabilities of said system.

11. (Currently amended) A method for varying the operational parameters of a security system comprising the steps of:

providing power to a security system

having the system look for an activation device;

associating codes on the device with received input signals, the codes defining actions and features of the system responsive to input signals;

automatically reading by the system of codes on the device;

matching the code on the device with a look up table of codes saved in a memory of the system; and

activating features of the security system associated with the matched code.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the step of activating features includes varying the operational parameters of the system.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein varying the operational parameters includes changing the opening and closing characteristics of a movable barrier of the system that limits access to a restricted area protected by the barrier.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the step of changing the opening and closing characteristics comprises changing the length of time the barrier remains open after allowing the entry of an entity authorized to enter.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the step of changing authorization codes for an entities allowed to enter a secure area protected by said security system upon the using a code by the entity to activate opening of a security barrier controlled by the security system.

16. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the step of activating features of the security system comprises activating latent features of the security system.

17. (Currently amended) A reprogramable security system for limiting access to a protected area comprising:

a movable barrier for allowing access to a restricted area;

a motor operably coupled to the barrier for opening and closing the barrier;

a control system for controlling the operation of the motor; and

~~an~~ a replaceable activation device securely and semi-permanently coupled to the control system wherein the device comprises data associated with functions of the control system and activates the functions of the control system without the need for user interaction after the device has been installed; and

wherein the control system automatically reads and utilizes the data from the activation device to activate the functions.

18. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 17 further comprising a sensing system for sensing factors used by said control system for determining when to open and close said gate by activation of said motor.

19. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 17 wherein activation of said functions further comprises varying the operational parameters of said functions.

20. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 18 wherein activation of said functions further comprises varying the operational parameters of said functions.

21. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 17 wherein said control system includes a socket for ease of inserting and removing said activation device from said system.

22. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 21 wherein the device is held in the socket by a clip.

23. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 18 wherein said control system includes a socket for ease of inserting and removing said activation chip from said system.

24. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 23 wherein the device is held in the socket by a clip.

25. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 17 wherein said activation device has a read/write capability so that an activation code on said device can be changed to allow selective activation of various features of said system.

26. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 18 wherein said activation device has a read/write capability so that an activation code on said device can be changed to allow selective activation of various features of said system.

27. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 17 wherein said activation of functions includes activation of latent capabilities of said system.

28. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 18 wherein said activation of functions includes activation of latent capabilities of said system.